

## **Dr. John R. Phillips**

Chief Scientist - Central Intelligence Agency  
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In October 2000, Dr. John R. Phillips was appointed as the CIA's Chief Scientist, a position created by the Director for Science and Technology (DS&T) to strengthen and revitalize research and development (R&D) within the CIA and the Intelligence Community (IC). Within the Office of the Chief Scientist, Dr. Phillips leads the research and development activities to find corporate solutions for the most pressing scientific and technologic problems facing the Agency and the Intelligence Community (IC). Collaboration with other federal government agencies, academia, and the private sector is a critical part of developing these solutions.

Prior to joining the CIA, Dr. Phillips worked for 31 years at the Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) in numerous leadership positions in nuclear safeguards, arms control and nonproliferation, chemical weapons detection and verification, environmental monitoring and remediation, nuclear facilities design, and R&D management. His other assignments included a two-year tour in Vienna, Austria, with the

International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) and served as a US team leader for negotiations with the Russian Federation for improving nuclear safeguards at their nuclear weapons assembly and disassembly facilities. Throughout his career at Los Alamos, Dr. Phillips has also participated in numerous nonproliferation and counter proliferation activities.

Dr. Phillips has Doctorate and Master of Science degrees in Analytical Chemistry, and a Master of Business Administration, from the University of New Mexico. His Bachelor of Science degree in Applied Mathematics is from Oregon State University. He has written and/or contributed to more than 100 technical publications and provided numerous presentations to federal government agencies, private industries, and academia on behalf of the CIA and IC.